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NEGRO SUSPECT IN JAIL HERE

SUPPOSED TO BE NEGRO WHO
ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP CHILD
AND ATTACK ITS MOTHER.

STOUTLY DENIES THE CRIME

Officers Say He Confessed to Being
the Party Wanted and Fearing Vi-
olence brought Him Here for Safe
Keeping—Says He is Innocent.

Clarence Posey, the negro who was arrested near Denison, Tex., Monday on a charge of having attempted to kidnap the two-year old child and planning to attack Mrs. Wilkerson, the mother, was brought here at 12-67 last night by Sheriff Hamilton of Bryan county and placed in the Carter county jail, where he will be held for safe keeping, as it is almost certain that violence would have been done him had he been returned to Durant.

It is said that Posey made a confession to the officers when he was arrested, and told how he dressed himself in a skirt and waist and cap and went to the home of Mrs. Wilkerson and grabbed her two-year old child and ran with it, thinking that the mother would follow him into the woods and that he could then accomplish his purpose.

However, at the jail this morning Posey denied having made a statement to the officers and stoutly denied any knowledge of the crime. He appeared very nervous and told rather a disconnected story of his whereabouts since last Saturday morning.

When first questioned about the matter he stated that he had not lived in Oklahoma for more than four years, but later stated that he meant that he had not lived near the Wilkerson home in four years.

When shown the papers with the accounts of his confession made to the officers, he appeared to be surprised and stated that he did not remember having made a single statement of that kind to the officers, that he had been worried very much since his arrest and if he made such a statement it was while he was excited and did not realize what he was saying.

Posey stated that he had been employed for the past few months by Joe Potts, a farmer who lives near Colbert, and on last Saturday morning he decided to go to the home of his parents near Denison. He left the home of Potts about ten o'clock in the morning and went to the home of Tom Collins, a negro, where he remained until train time. He then went to Colbert, boarded the train and went to Denison, returning to Colbert Sunday and going to Denison again Sunday night. He was arrested at the home of his parents, three miles south of Denison Monday and was taken to the home of Wilkerson and it is said was identified by

Wilkerson. It is also said that he told the officers before they reached the place where they could find the skirt and waist that he had worn and that they were found where he said. The clothes are said to have belonged to the home of Tom Collins, the negro with which Posey stated he spent a few hours on Saturday morning.

Posey stated that he had heard of the report of the attempted kidnapping of the child of Mrs. Wilkerson, before he left Colbert, Saturday, and there was considerable excitement about the matter when he returned Sunday, but that he did not suspect that he would be connected with the matter, and paid very little attention to the reports. He stated that he returned to his home near Denison for the purpose of helping gather the crops and that he had no idea that he would ever be connected with this affair.

Posey gave his age as seventeen years, but appears to be several years older. He is about five feet and six inches tall, weighs about 110 pounds and is yellow, or rather a ginger bread color. He appears to have average intelligence for a negro who has grown up under the same circumstances, but seems unable to realize the seriousness of the charge against him.

He ate a hearty breakfast at the jail this morning and talked freely about the charge against him, but at all times denied his guilt or that he had ever made any confession to the officers.

There is no question but that he has confessed and just what his ideas are for changing his story at such an early date after the confession is rather hard to account for, but every effort on the part of the sheriff and the reporter who talked with him to get him to make any change in his first story or any admission of his guilt or of the confession, were met with the same answer: "If I said anything like that I was excited and didn't know what I was saying."

He will be held here in jail until his examining trial, which will likely be at an early date.

EARLY TRIAL FAVORED.

Officers, However, Fear That Mob Will Lynch Negro.

Durant, Okla., Aug. 29.—District Judge Ferguson and County Attorney McIntosh favor an immediate trial for the negro Posey, who was arrested at Denison yesterday, and who has confessed that he is the negro who, masquerading in woman's attire, entered a farmer's home near Colbert Saturday and kidnaped an infant with which he tried to decoy the mother to nearby woods. The officers declare that if given sufficient assurance that mob violence will not be attempted they will call a special grand jury and endeavor to give him a trial.

Sentiment here is very bitter against the black and another burning is feared. Posey states he went to Colbert after fleeing from the Wilkerson home and there remained during all the time angry posers were searching for him Sunday night a suspect was arrested and Monday this negro was taken to Denison to avoid possibility of mob violence. Posey boarded the same train at Colbert and went to Denison where he was later arrested.

STORM DEATH LIST REACHES FIFTEEN

MAY BE LARGER WHEN MORE
REPORTS ARE RECEIVED FROM
ATLANTIC COAST.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 29.—Additional reports from the country surrounding Charleston, received tonight bring the list of dead, as a result of the terrific storm of Sunday night, up to 15. This list is expected to be enlarged when reports are received from the more remote sections.

Conservative estimates placing the property damage in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, have not been changed, despite the fact that reports of losses to shipping interests continue to roll in.

Attorney E. D. Slough is in Wynnewood today on legal business.

ANOTHER HERO OF WIRELESS

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD LAD SAVES
LINER LEXINGTON. TWELVE
PASSENGERS AND CREW.

HIS CALL BROUGHT HELP

With Ship and Wireless Station Swept
by Fury of Storm, Lad Climbed to
Rigging, Fixed Up Station and Sent
Successful Call for Help.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 30.—To the courage of Wireless Operator Shesley, fifteen-year-old, the liner Lexington, twelve passengers and crew of forty-four, are due their lives.

The storm raked the vessel for twenty-four hours, her nose was deep in the quicksand off Hunting Island with seas dashing over her and the Lexington threatened to break up and fling her human cargo to death in the seething waters. The vessel will be a loss.

Shesley persistently clicked the call for help. Waves swept the ship and wrecked the wireless station, but Shesley climbed the rigging, fixed up a station and kept calling until the revenue cutter Yamacraw came to the rescue.

WEALTHY KANSAN WAS VICTIM OF ROBBERS

BODY OF WILLIAM SKAGGS FOUND
AMONG BURNED STRAW ON
SKAGGS FARM.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 30.—With a bullet hole through his skull and his flesh reduced almost to ashes, the body of William Skaggs, a wealthy farmer and director of the Eastern State Bank, was found under the charred remnant of a burned straw stack on the Skaggs farm, ten miles west of here by a party of fox hunters today.

Skaggs has been missing since August 24th, when he went to the pasture to feed stock. It is known that he carried considerable money. It is thought that he was murdered and robbed and the body hidden in the stack, which was then fired to hide the crime.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WITHOUT A PASTOR

REV. FRANCIS FORD FORCED TO
LEAVE SOUTH ON ACCOUNT OF
ILL HEALTH.

Oscar Shumate received a letter today from Rev. Francis Ford, pastor of the First Christian church of this city, in which the Rev. Ford states that during his absence of five weeks from Ardmore he has been ill the entire time, and that he has concluded he will be forced to give up his work in this city. The letter was written from Philadelphia where the pastor has gone for medical treatment. Rev. Ford is a Canadian, when he first left the north he went to southeast Texas where he contracted malaria and came here in hopes that his health would become better in this climate. After remaining here about three months he has concluded that the north is better adapted to him and he will present a formal resignation to the Christian church of this city. The pastor expressed the keenest regret at his being unable to remain with the Ardmore people and the members of that church and the people generally in Ardmore will regret the necessity of his having to move from here. He has proven to be a hard and an earnest worker and the church under his supervision was working in harmony and much good was being done. He has been absent from Ardmore for the past five weeks.

The Weather

New Orleans, La., Aug. 30.—
The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and warmer. Thursday fair.

AMUSEMENTS.

Breezy Comedy Last Night at the Air-
dome—Western Comedy Tonight.

Mr. Pipp, the Morning After, was the bill at the Ardmore last night and the crowd was greatly pleased with production of this breezy comedy by the Pooler Stock company. The scene of the comedy was in a New York flat. There were two Mr. Pipp's. One was a minister, the other was anything else except a minister. Their wives were away on a summer visit, by an error the minister Mr. Pipp occupied the rooms of the other Mr. Pipp and in the mix up there were many comical situations which the Ardmore patrons enjoyed from the opening of the play to the very last.

HENSHAW SCORES FEDERAL COURTS

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COM-
MISSIONER FIGHTS AUTHORITY
OF COURTS ON RATE CASES.

MAKES SPEECH IN LINCOLN

At Second Day's Session of Confer-
ence of Commissioners from Differ-
ent States, He Assails Federal
Courts' Authority.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 30.—The ability of the federal courts to pass on the railroad rate cases was attacked by Corporation Commissioner George A. Henshaw of Oklahoma at the second day's session of the conference of the commissioners from different states in session here.

"I'd rather try some of these cases before the railroad presidents themselves, than before some of our federal courts," was Henshaw's statement.

Street Commissioner Moore has been busy since the rain removing grass and other debris out of the streets, and will begin today using the split log drags on the principal streets. There has been considerable complaint in the street department for the past few weeks on account of the people throwing grass from the yards and lots on the street and since the rains came and washed it into the gutters it has caused considerable extra work to get the streets in good condition. No city in the state can boast of better kept streets than Ardmore and when they have been treated by the drag they will be in their usual good condition.

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THE PROSECUTION RESTS ITS CASE

STATE USED FOURTEEN WIT-
NESSES TODAY TO CON-
VERT TUESDAY'S TESTIMONY.

DEFENSE BEGINS ITS CASE

State Seeks to Show That Mrs. Beattie Was Not Killed in the Manner Described by Her Husband—Youth Proves Witness for Defense.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 30.—The prosecution rested its case at noon today against Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., after producing fourteen witnesses this morning to controvert the testimony of yesterday as to the presence of more than one blood spot on the Midlothian Turnpike.

The defense this afternoon began the introduction of its witnesses. By showing that only one blood spot existed, the state hoped to prove that Mrs. Beattie's death did not occur as her husband described. Alexander Roberts, a mere boy, who was played on the stand yesterday afternoon as a witness for the state proved to be a valuable witness for the defense. In his direct examination by the prosecutor, who was seeking to show where the boy found a certain yellow hairpin, similar to that worn by Mrs. Beattie on the night of the murder, the youth referred to its distance from "the first blood spot."

When the cross-examination was taken up, Harry M. Smith, Jr., for the defense asked "Were there two blood spots?" and the boy not only told of a second spot but several other smaller ones. This revelation concerning the presence of more than one blood spot is in line with the contention of the defense that all blood on the road oozed from the car in which Beattie alleges his wife was killed. The prosecution has sought to show that the large blood spot was where Mrs. Beattie was killed, outside the machine, and not in the seat of the car, as Beattie alleges.

As a result of his cross-examination the Robertson youth proved an important witness for the defense and he will be called by the defense.

FIVE ROBBERS ARE FRIGHTENED AWAY

CASHION BOYS "AFRAID TO GO
HOME IN THE DARK" SCARED
BURGLARS WITH SINGING.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 29.—Early morning roisterers passing in the street whooping and singing, frightened away five robbers, who early today blew the vaults of the National Bank of Cashion.

The robbers got nothing. They escaped from town on a hand car.

For the second time this week there was no police court today, and the moral wave has surely struck the old offenders of the city, some of whom always manage to break into court every day until recently.

H. W. Allison was a visitor here today from Oklahoma City.

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